

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) A tobacco smoke filter containing activated carbon impregnated with a metal impregnant, wherein the activated carbon is high activity activated carbon.

2.-26. (Canceled)

27. (New) A tobacco smoke filter according to Claim 1, wherein the metal impregnant is one or more of copper, molybdenum, manganese, cobalt, zinc and iron.

28. (New) A tobacco smoke filter according to Claim 1, wherein the metal impregnant(s) is present in an amount which is not more than 10% of the dry weight of the high activity activated carbon.

29. (New) A filter according to Claim 28, wherein the metal impregnant(s) is present in an amount which is from 1 to 5% of the dry weight of the activated carbon.

30. (New) A tobacco smoke filter according to Claim 1, wherein the metal impregnant is copper.

31. (New) A tobacco smoke filter containing activated carbon which is impregnated with copper and molybdenum, wherein the ratio of copper to molybdenum is greater than 1.3 to 1.

32. (New) A tobacco smoke filter containing activated carbon which is impregnated with copper and molybdenum,

wherein the activated carbon is a high activity activated carbon.

33. (New) A filter according to Claim 1, wherein the activated carbon has an activity of greater than 90% CTC prior to impregnation.

34. (New) A filter according to Claim 1, wherein the activated carbon has an activity of greater than 100% CTC prior to impregnation.

35. (New) A filter according to Claim 1, wherein the activated carbon has an activity of greater than 80% CTC after impregnation.

36. (New) A filter according to Claim 1, wherein the activated carbon has an activity of greater than 90% CTC after impregnation.

37. (New) A filter according to Claim 1, in which substantially all of the activated carbon is of particle size between 2mm and 0.15mm, preferably between 0.6mm and 0.212mm.

38. (New) A filter according to Claim 1, which contains between 10 mg and 150mg of activated carbon, preferably between 30mg and 60mg of activated carbon.

39. (New) A filter according to Claim 1, which further comprises one or more additional adsorbents.

40. (New) A filter according to Claim 39, wherein the additional adsorbent(s) selectively removes a compound(s) present in the VP fraction of cigarette smoke other than HCN.

41. (New) A filter cigarette comprising a filter according to Claim 1 joined at its upstream end to a wrapped tobacco rod.